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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 2, 2002

Dear Sir:

Rewrite claim 5 to read as follows:

5. (Amended Twice) A method for using a cable management device capable of carrying and at least partially concealing a length of cable, the device having a tray with a notch at an upper portion and a notch at a lower portion of the tray and a cover, the method comprising: mounting the tray, the lower portion of the tray comprising a groove underneath the lower portion notch; arranging the cable in the tray including laying the cable at least partially inside the groove; selectively routing the cable through at least one of the upper portion notch and the lower portion notch; closing the cover on the tray, the cover comprising a port; and determining if the port is to be used to connect the cable and if so, connecting the cable to the port.

Cancel claims 6, 18 and 20 without prejudice.

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